

MRS. HAROLD (MARY) SHAY Interview
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<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>
0:00	Introduction
0:56	Description of Mary's grandfather, Thomas Cippa
3:13	Description of Mary's grandmother, Mary (Bernaschi) Cippa.
3:50	Location of ranch near the present site of McClellan Air Force Base. Family outings from the home in the city at 12th and P to the ranch in the 1910 to 1915 period.
7:20	Description of women and men's activities at the grandparent's home and ranch.
8:45	Description of the work on the ranch.
10:10	Typical meals on the ranch.
14:00	Sewing skills learned from the grandmother who, herself learned them in Switzerland.
16:00	Grandparents' move around 1914-16 to a two-flat building between G and H on 12th. They then built a large home on 29th Street between J and K in the middle 1920s.
18:00	Grandfather Thomas Cippa preferred the ranch to life in the city.
19:50	His sons did not want to stay on the ranch. They went into business in the city.
20:00	Description of kitchen in basement on 29th and J which was used during the hot weather for cooking.
21:00	She can still recall the smell of her grandmother's home preparation of chicken feed.
21:35	Her grandmother's ravioli,

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22:25	Breadbreaking on the ranch.
23:00	Easter "nests."
23:26	Ironing chores.
23:58	Staying warm in the two-story house. One didn't notice the cold or heat as much. Mary thinks its because of different expectations about the heat and the cold. They were just a part of life.
25:16	Farm chores.
26:20	Separate sphere of men and women around the ranch.
28:35	Family involvement at St. Francis Catholic Church.
29:00	END Side A
0:05	Her father's woodwork finishing.
0:30	Her two uncles worked on the pews at St. Francis Church.
1:30	Her Aunt Mame spoke Swiss (or Swiss-Italian) fluently.
2:14	The Spiekel family. Aunt Anna Spiekel, though from the same area of Switzerland as the Cippas, preferred considering herself French-Swiss.
4:06	Other foods typically eaten on the ranch.
5:22	Women in the family doing sewing work for St. Francis Church.
6:58	Her father John Cippa's work at a wood mill. He then owned his own business at 3rd and Q. He sold that ca. 1925 and went into the building business with his two brothers.

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8:25	John Cippa worked for the Southern Pacific as a wood finisher for car interiors.
9:40	Her Swiss grandparents lived a quiet life.
9:56	Mary Shay's ethnic self-identity.
10:26	Grandparents probably considered themselves Swiss.